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Immigration Reform

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FACT SHEET: OVERVIEW: COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

The White House, May 15, 2006

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2006/05/20060515-7.html>

On May 15, President Bush discussed his vision for comprehensive immigration reform. The five clear objectives of comprehensive immigration reform are securing the borders, creating a temporary worker program, making it easier for employers to verify employment eligibility and continuing to hold them to account for the legal status of workers they hire, dealing with the millions of illegal immigrants who are already here, and honoring the great American tradition of the melting pot.

CURRENT ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION, 2006

Constitutional Rights Foundation

http://www.crf-usa.org/immigration/issues_of_immigration_2006.htm

Because of the current high interest in issues of immigration, Constitutional Rights Foundation has created these lessons and made them available free of charge to educators. Like all our materials, the lessons are carefully balanced to present all sides of controversial issues.

LEARNING FROM IRCA: LESSONS FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

Immigration Policy Center, May 2006

http://www.aifl.org/ipc/infocus/2006_comprehensive.pdf

A number of lawmakers have become fixated on the notion that border fences and other enforcement measures are the most promising means of stemming undocumented migration into the country, even though the past two decades of escalating border enforcement have witnessed unprecedented growth in the size of the undocumented population. Lawmakers remain divided over key questions such as whether or not to grant legal status to some or all of the 12 million undocumented immigrants now living in the United States, and whether or not new enforcement measures should be accompanied by an expansion of legal avenues for temporary or permanent immigration as well.

NEW POLL: AMERICANS PREFER HOUSE APPROACH ON IMMIGRATION

Center for Immigration Studies, May 3, 2006

<http://www.cis.org/articles/2006/2006poll.html>

A new Zogby poll of likely voters finds that Americans prefer the House of Representatives' enforcement-only bill by 2-1 over Senate proposals to legalize illegal immigrants and greatly increase legal immigration. The poll was conducted for the Center for Immigration Studies.

THE U.S. IMMIGRATION DEBATE

Council on Foreign Relations, March 22, 2006

http://www.cfr.org/publication/10210/us_immigration_debate.html

There are an estimated [12 million illegal immigrants](#) living and working in the United States. Their presence signals the intense demand for labor in the country, as well as the ineffectiveness of policies for regulating the flow of people across U.S. borders. U.S. legislators are nearing action on a raft of proposals for dealing with the situation, ranging from building barriers and tightening border security to instituting guest-worker programs and amnesty. Debate has intensified during this election year, causing divisions within political parties and between groups usually allied on other causes.

